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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 NICHOLAS D. HILDEN, *et al.*,

Case No. 2:24-cv-02167-KKE

10 Plaintiffs,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
11 v. CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

12 MARCO RUBIO, *et al.*,¹

13 Defendants.

14 **STIPULATED MOTION**

15 Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal
16 Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and
17 move to stay these proceedings until May 13, 2025. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to
18 the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to complete
19 administrative processing of Plaintiff Fatemah Hosseinzadeh's nonimmigrant visa application.
20 Defendants' response to the Complaint is currently due on March 14, 2025. The parties are
21 currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that
22 the Court hold the case in abeyance until May 13, 2025.

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24 ¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Defendants substitute U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio for
Antony Blinken.

1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
2 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
5 P. 1.

6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
7 intervention. A consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, refused Plaintiff
8 Hosseinzadeh’s nonimmigrant visa application pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1201(g) for administrative
9 processing on October 4, 2023. Recently, the Embassy has requested further documentation
10 from Plaintiff and scheduled her for a follow-up interview on February 14, 2025. Because
11 further litigation may not be necessary after these steps are completed, the parties agree that
12 holding this case in abeyance is appropriate. Therefore, the parties believe good cause exists for
13 a stay in these proceedings to save the parties and this Court from spending unnecessary time and
14 judicial resources on this matter.

15 Accordingly, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until May 13,
16 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before May 13, 2025.

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1 DATED this 31st day of January, 2025.

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ORDER

The parties' stipulated motion (Dkt. No. 7) is GRANTED. This case shall be held in abeyance until May 13, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before May 13, 2025.

DATED this 31st day of January, 2025.

Kimberly A. Hanson

Kymberly K. Evanson
United States District Judge